

Assignment of lands to Backward Classes.

22 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of *puduvai* lands in the Changanachery taluk assigned to Pulayas, Parayas and others during the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 (till 17-10-1112) ?

MR. K. GEORGE :

Years.	Area assigned, to					
	Parayas		Pulayas.		Other classes.	
	Acre.	Cent.	Acre.	Cent.	Acre.	Cent.
1110	1	80	8	29	Nil.	Nil.
1111	..	40	3	48	Nil.	Nil.
1112 (up to 17-10-1112)	1	21	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Puduvai lands in the Pattanapuram taluk.

23 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Land Revenue Commissioner is aware that the *puduvai* lands ear-marked in the Pattanapuram taluk are not fit for cultivation and habitation ?

MR. K. GEORGE: A joint inspection of the area ear-marked in the taluk by the Protector of Backward Communities and the Tahsildar of the taluk in 1109 revealed that an extent of 421.70 acres out of the area so ear-marked was unfit for cultivation and habitation. This was excluded from the ear marked area and 196.92 acres were added to it subsequently, as per the suggestions made by the Protector of Backward Communities. The total area ear marked for registry to Backward Communities in the Pattanapuram taluk now comes to 965.51 acres. The lands included in this area are not unfit for cultivation or habitation.

Fee concession to Backward Communities..

24. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether fee concession has been allowed to pupils of the backward communities in the Malayalam eighth and ninth classes?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

Yes.

Amount spent for the protection of Backward Communities.

25 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount already spent from the allotment in the last budget, for the protection of backward communities, till the 29th Edavom 1112 and the amount still remaining to be so spent?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI :

Rs. 2,532-18-13, and

Rs. 7,867-9-3, respectively, till 29th Edavam 1112.

Coir Mats and Mattings.

26 * **MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that coir mats and mattings are assessed an import duty of 100 per cent. on the C. I. F. value at Egyptian markets ;

(b) whether they are aware that C. I. F. value includes insurance and freight also over the selling price of mats and mattings ;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, whether they have made or intend making any protest against this ; and

(d) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the value of shipments of coir mats and mattings shipped to Egyptian ports for the past five years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Excise Commissioner) :

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government will consider this question of making a representation.

(d) A * statement embodying the information is laid on the table.

Improvements of the Jadamuni Channel.

27. * **MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Irrigation Department has recommended permanent improvements for the Jadamuni Channel ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT :

Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : (Trivandrum—Urban) : May I know where the Jadamuni channel is ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : It is within the municipal limits of Alleppey.

*Vide Appendix—III. page 88.